IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU

W.P.No.338 of 2002

Dated: 5th July, 2006

Between:

B.Kishore & others.

.. Petitioners

and

The A.P. State Road Transport Corporation, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, rep. by its Managing Director & others.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a direction the respondents to grant exemption to the petitioners in respect of licence fee for the strike period from 15.10.2001 to 7.11.2001 (both days inclusive) in respect of their Canteen and Stalls situated at Jadcherla Bus Station, Rathifile Bus Station, Secunderabad, Siddipet Bus Station, and Karimnagar Bus

Station by declaring the action of the respondents in not exempting the petitioners from payment of licence fee for the strike period is arbitrary and illegal.

The complaint of the petitioners is that between 15.10.2001 and 7.11.2001, the APSRTC staff went on strike and there was no movement of buses, due to which they suffered the business, therefore, they are not liable to pay the licence fee for the said period.

A Division Bench of this Court negatived the same, but however, directed the respondent-Corporation not to claim interest on the licence fee due for the said period.

In view of the above, the respondents are directed to collect the licence fee from the petitioners for the period between 15.10.2001 and 7.11.2001 (both days inclusive), but no interest shall be charged on the said amount.

With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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C.V.RAMULU, J

Date: 5.7.2006
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